NOTIFICATION.

No. L.S. 3414—L.W. 120-52-4, dated Bangalore, 16th September 1952.

The following draft of certain amendments to the Mysore Factories Rules, 1952, which the Government of Mysore proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 112 of the Factories Act, 1948 (Central Act No. LXIII of 1948), is hereby published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, as required by section 115 of the said Act.

Notice is hereby given that the said draft will be taken into consideration on or after the 1st January 1953.

Objections or suggestions to the amendments sent to the Secretary to Government, Law Department, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, before the said date, will be considered by the State Government.

Draft Amendments.

1. In sub-rule (1) of rule 95, after item 11, the following item shall be added, namely :—

"12. Printing Presses and Type Foundries—Certain lead processes carried therein".

2. After schedule XI to Rule 95, the following schedule shall be inserted, namely :—

"Schedule XII".

SCHEDULE XII.

(Printing Presses and Type Foundries—Certain lead processes carried therein).

1. *Exemption.*—Where the Chief Inspector is satisfied that all or any of the provisions of this schedule are not necessary for the protection of persons employed he may by certificate in writing exempt any factory from all or any of such provisions subject to such conditions as he may specify therein. Such certificate may at any time be revoked by the Chief Inspector.

2. *Definitions.*—In these regulations—

(1) "Lead material" means—material containing not less than five per cent of lead.

(2) "Lead process" means—

(*a*) the melting of lead or any lead material for casting mechanical composing ; and

(*b*) the recharging of machines with used lead material ; or

(*c*) any other work including removal of dross from melting pots, cleaning of plungers ; and

(*d*) manipulation, movement or other treatment of lead material.

(3) "Efficient exhaust draught" means localised ventilation effected by heat or mechanical means, for the removal of gas, vapour, dust or fumes so as to prevent them escaping into the air of any place in which work is carried on. No draught shall be deemed efficient which fails to remove gas, vapour, fume or dust at the point where they originate.

3. *Exhaust draught.*—None of the following processes shall be carried on except with an efficient exhaust draught:—

(*a*) melting lead material or slugs;

(*b*) heating lead material so that vapour containing lead is given off;

or, unless carried on in such a manner as to prevent free escape of gas, vapour, fumes or dust into any place in which work is corried on, or, unless carried on in electrically heated and thermostatically controlled melting pots.

Such exhaust draught shall be effected by mechanical means and so contrived as to operate on the dust, fume, gas or vapour given off as closely as may be at its point of origin.

4. *Prohibition relating to women and young persons.*—No woman or young person shall be employed or permitted to work in any lead process.

5. *Separation of certain processes.*—Each of the following processes shall be carried on in such a manner and under such conditions as to secure effectual separation from one another and from any other process:—

(*a*) melting of lead or any lead material;

(*b*) casting of lead ingots;

(*c*) mechanical composing.

6. *Container for dross.*—A suitable receptacle with tightly fitting cover shall be provided and used for dross as it is removed from every melting pot. Such receptacle shall be kept covered while n the work-room near the machine except when the dross is being deposited therein.

7. *Floor of work-room.*—The floor of every work-room where lead process is carried on shall be—

(*a*) of cement or similar material so as to be smooth and impervious to water;

(*b*) maintained in sound condition; and

(*c*) shall be cleansed throughout daily after being thoroughly damped with water at a time when no other work is being carried on at the place.

8. *Mess Room.*—The occupier shall provide and maintain for the use of the persons employed suitable and adequate arrangements for taking their meals. The arrangements shall consist of the use of

a room separate from any work-room, which shall be furnished with sufficient tables and benches and unless a canteen serving hot meals is provided, adequate means of warming food. The room shall be adequately ventilated by the circulation of fresh air and shall be placed under the charge of a responsible person and shall be kept clean.

9. *Washing facilities.*—There shall be provided and maintained in a cleanly state and in good repair for the use of all persons employed in a lead process.

(*a*) A wash place with either—

(i) a trough with a smooth impervious surface fitted with a waste pipe without plug, and of sufficient length to allow at least two feet for every ten such persons employed at any one time and having a constant supply of water from taps or jets above the trough at intervals of not more than 2 feet; or

(ii) at least one wash basin for every ten such persons employed at any one time, fitted with a waste pipe and plug and having an adequate supply of water laid on or always readily available; and

(*b*) a sufficient supply of clean towels made of suitable material renewed daily with a sufficient supply of soap or other suitable cleansing material.

10. *Medical examination.*—(*a*) Every person employed in a lead process shall be examined by the Certifying Surgeon within 14 days of his first employment in such processes and thereafter shall be examined by the Certifying Surgeon at intervals of not more than three months, and a record of such examinations shall be entered by the Certifying Surgeon in the Special Certificate of Fitness in Form No. 27.

(*b*) A Health Register containing names of all persons employed in any lead process shall be kept in Form No. 17.

(*c*) No person after suspension shall be employed in a lead process without the written sanction from the Certifying Surgeon, entered in the Health Register.

11. *Food, drinks, etc., prohibited in work-rooms.*—No food, drink, pan and supari or tobacco shall be consumed or brought by any worker into any work-room in which any lead process is carried on.

By Order of His Highness the Maharaja,

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